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Filed: 09/19/2000 Examiner: Padmanabhan, Kartic

For: Analytic Test Element With A Capillary Channel

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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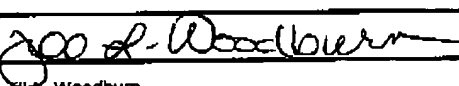
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